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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

- > My Opinion/Vote: Settlement needs to be completed and minimal
- > penalties, if any, need to be assessed and allow Microsoft freedom to be
- > innovative, creative and competitive and survive in the world
- > competitive economy and free market. At the rate the legal proceeding
- > are going, throwing this case is completely an option.
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- > I am pro-settlement with Microsoft, DoJ and the nine states. The
- > issues, who and why's are not reflective of the general population and
- > I am convinced this is being driven by Sun, IBM and AOL/Netscape and
- > several other competitors who lack product creativity and success.
- > After all the legal battles and information about harming consumers,
- > at the end, you ask the general population and consumers thru the
- > Tunney Act. If this was really truly driven by the consumers, I am
- > pretty sure we would be hearing from them more than Sun, IBM, and
- > AOL/Netscape funded legal battles.
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- > Settlement:
- > Microsoft, economy, consumers and innovative productivity has suffered
- > enough. There should be minimal penalties against Microsoft and many of
- > the practices in question are no longer in place or even applicable.
- > Companies need to be innovative, creative and competitive to survive
- > in the world economy and free market.
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- > Issues:
- > * These legal fees are costing the US and Microsoft many dollars.
- > I see where Microsoft took a financial cost, \$660 Million dollars
- > battling these legal issues, but where/what are the funds fueling the
- > DoJ and nine states and the other previous other nine states? My
- > income, state and local tax dollars and maybe some selective corporate
- > sponsorship? I would challenge opposing corporate sponsorship in the
- > court of law on a case slated on behalf of the people.
- > * Other legal issues related to suing Microsoft i.e. the
- > Class-Action Suit
- > <http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/Press/2002/Jan02/01-11ClassActionDe>
- > [cisionPR.asp](http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/Press/2002/Jan02/01-11ClassActionDe) and the recent AOL/Netscape suit
- > http://www.microsoft.com/freedomtoinnovate/info/news_01_22_02.asp
- > * Where has the end consumer been harmed by Microsoft IE browser,
- > in the scope of this case? For that matter Microsoft's technology
- > harming consumers? And one should look back in history and see where
- > technology has come from and improved consumers, productivity and
- > world wide economy.
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- > Other 100 Class-Action Suite, and suggested settlement:

> "Under the proposed settlement, Microsoft had agreed to provide more
> than \$1 billion in cash, training, support and software to help make
> computer technology more accessible to public schools serving nearly 7
> million of America's most economically disadvantaged children."
> Would have helped those schools and prepared those students for the
> current real world computing skills. But no, Apple/Mac's has the
> loin-share of that market and go figure they are training students on
> non-Microsoft technology in preparation their profitable careers.
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> AOL/Netscape Suit:
> Who killed Netscape? Well, AOL purchased Netscape for \$10 billion
> dollars in the midst of the DoJ trial, even after hearing concrete
> evidence that IE's success in the market was based on merit, not
> market share. And in the middle of a so called browser war, sound
> like a poor business decision gone bad and now want the sue.
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